E-Read Texas:
Updates and Q&A

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Texas State Library & Amigos

Texas State Library

- ○ Funding
- ○ Ebook collections
- ○ Karen McElfresh, kmcelfresh@tsl.texas.gov
- ○ https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks

Amigos Library Services

- ○ SimplyE app
- ○ Technical assistance
- ○ Chris Brown & Christine Peterson, simplye@amigos.org
- ○ https://www.amigos.org/simplye

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
AND
ARCHIVES COMMISSION

Amigos Library Services

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Budget Update (State FY22-23)

- Still waiting for final budget from state legislative session
- Early data is looking positive
- Larger content update towards the end of the summer, if budget allows

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SimplyE at the Lake
Whitney Public Library

Denise Carter &
John Moore

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Lake Whitney Public Library

We At The Library Advertise with

Flyers What Is Simply E ?

Lake Whitney Public Library

Will Be Hosting a Zoom meeting on **Wednesday Feb 24th and March 3rd 2021 at 3pm**

SimplyE
The Library E-Reader App

For our For Our Patrons

iOS

We Do Need a List Names and Cell Numbers or Email addresses so we can Get Together on This Event Call Us or email us at lwplibrary111@gmail.com, And Let Us Know (254) 694- 4639

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Lake Whitney Public Library

We have posted all information needed for SimplyE on our website: whitneylibrary.org

All they have to do is click on the links to go to the information or

downloads

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We Advertise With a Zoom class on our LED Sign to get the Patrons to see what Simply E is
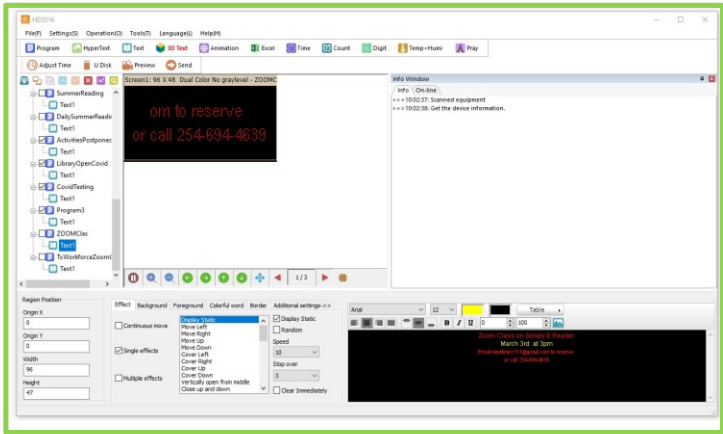
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We have a Zoom Class every month to see who is interested in downloading the SimplyE app
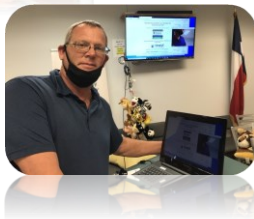
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Questions?
Concerns?
Issues?
Kudos?

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We'll Start . . .

- What kind of content would you like to see us offer?
- What feedback have you gotten from your patrons?
- How are you promoting the service to your users?
- What types of promotional or instructional materials do you need?

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Updates
E-Read Texas Collection

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New Content - Fiction

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2021 TLA Lariat List – E-Books & Audiobooks

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New Content – Non-Fiction

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Public Libraries Annual Report 2020

- TSLAC will add in title counts for the E-Read Texas materials
  - (Questions 6.6 & 6.7)
- No need to count anything for the E-Read Texas collection
- *BUT you do need to report title counts for your locally-purchased or consortially-purchased e-book content*
  - You should be able to get this data from the provider, i.e., Overdrive, Axis360

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Read Across Texas 2021

- Program announcement coming soon!
- Check out the #TXBookChat on March 25th at 11am
  - https://www.tsl.texas.gov/txbookchat
- More details to come about e-book availability

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TSLAC at TLA 2021

- TexShare & TexQuest updates session
  - Thursday, April 22nd, 10:15-11:15 am
- Navigating the Library E-Book Market – Panel Discussion
  - Thursday, April 22nd, 3-4 pm

TLA★2021
★ APRIL 22 – 24 ★
**CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES
EMPOWER VOICES**

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SimplyE

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E-Read Texas Libraries (Dec)

July: 75
August: 79
September: 89
October: 94
November: 98 (?)
100??

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"Chris Brown"

Bar chart showing # Libraries by month:

Month	# Libraries
July	75
Aug	79
Sept	89
Oct	94
Nov	97
Dec	104
Jan	114
Feb	126
Mar	138
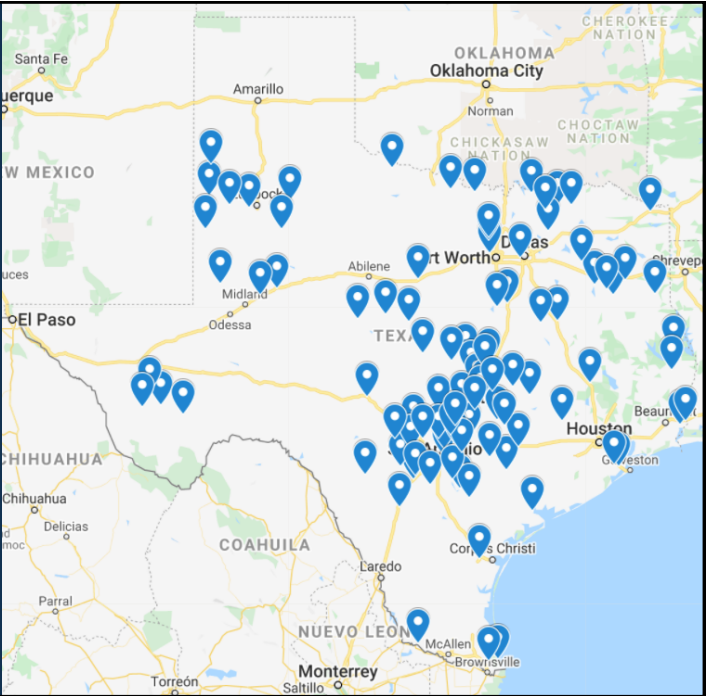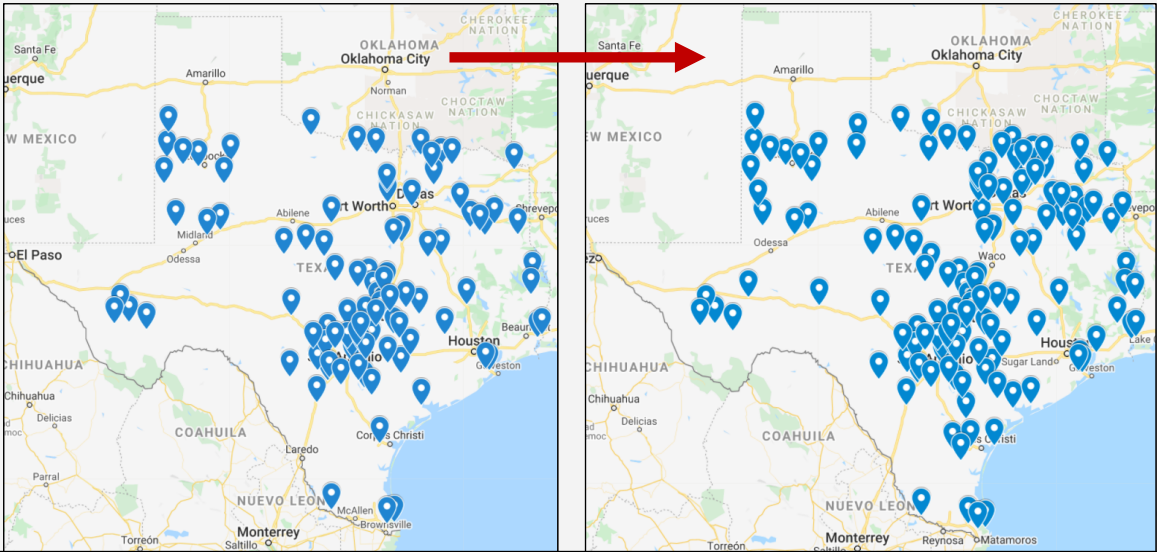
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Smoother Experience

- DPLA audiobooks
- Server upgrades
- Faster apps

Remember:
- RBDigital migration to Overdrive
- Upgraded Android app

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Bug Fixes Since Last Update

- **Android (soon):**
  - Cannot open the next page
  - Emailed error report has data in it
  - Overdrive audiobooks work for patrons that don't use passwords
  - App crashes when borrowing or returning DPLA ebooks
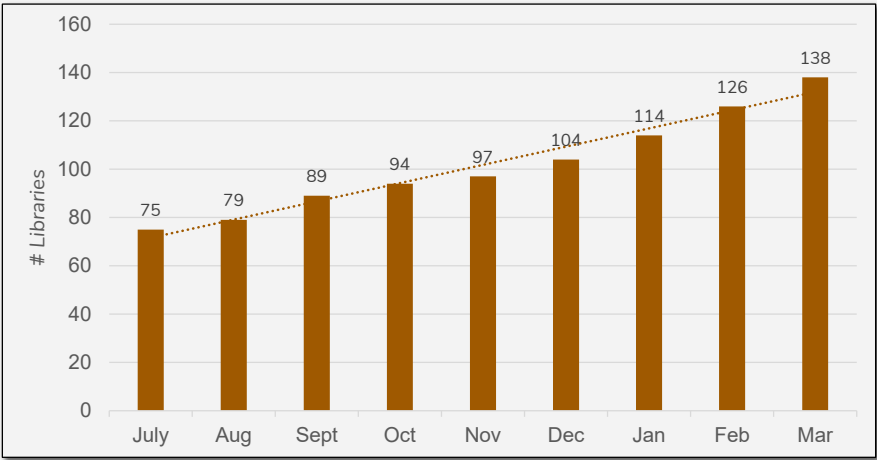- **iOS:**
  - More informative error messages
  - DPLA audiobooks cannot be played
- **Incremental Circulation Manager upgrades to lists & lanes functionality**

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Coming

- **Very soon**
  - Bibliotheca import fixed
  - Android update (see previous slide)
  - Age gate
  - Overdrive API update
  - Library configuration screen updates
- **This spring**
  - Updated reading software (Readium 2)
  - Announcements
  - LCP DRM
- **Hoopla – IMLS grant; FY2023**
- **ProQuest non-DRM titles**

Library configuration

Edit Brazoria County Library System

Basic Information ∧

Name Required

Brazoria County Library System

The human-readable name of this library.

Short name Required

txbrazoria

A short name of this library, to use when identifying it in scripts or URLs, e.g. 'NYPL'.

URL of the library's website Required

http://bcls.lib.tx.us/

The library's main website, e.g. "https://www.nypl.org/" (not this Circulation Manager's URL).

A short description of this library
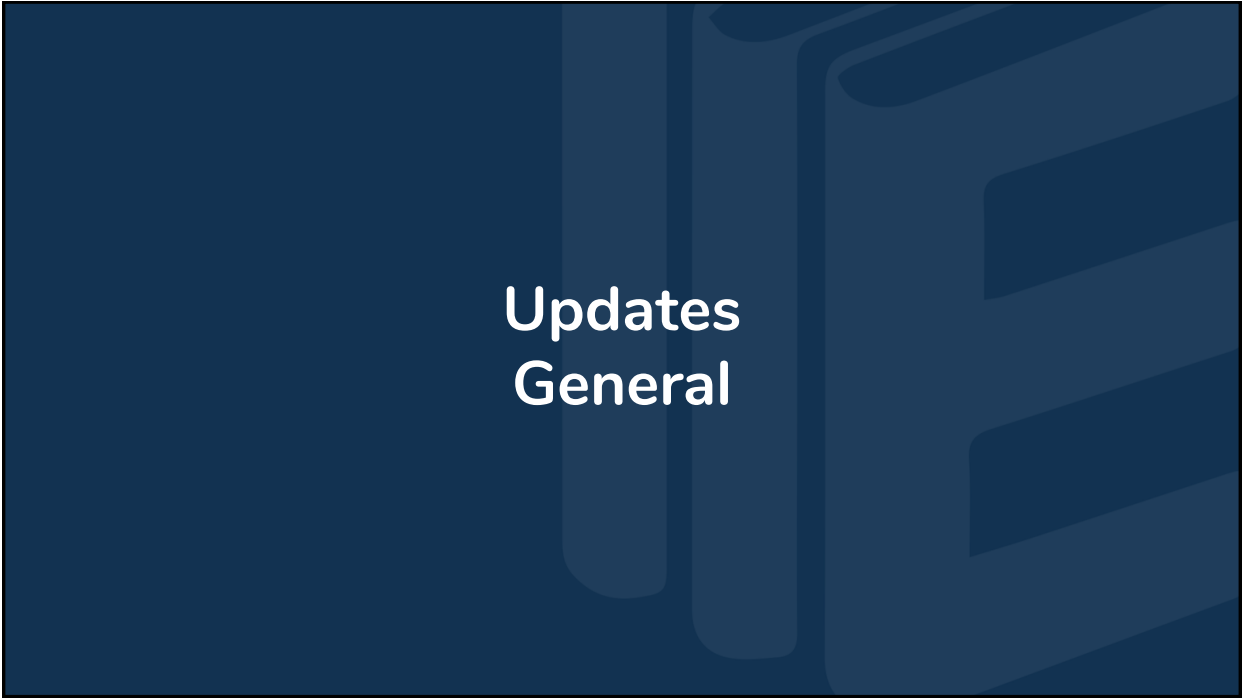
Serving the needs of library users in Brazoria Coun

(Optional) This will be shown to people who aren't sure they've chosen the right library.

Patron support email address Required

bcls@bcls.lib.tx.us

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General

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Patron Support for SimplyE

- Setup: "email for patron support"
- Library is first step for patrons needing help
- Amigos is second step: simplye@amigos.org
    - Both Chris' watch this inbox
    - Reference interview
    - Need more information from you or patron
- SimplyE community developers is third step

Community

Amigos

Library

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Email Discussion List

- simplye-users@amigosservices.org
  - Maintenance windows
  - Updated functionality, new content vendors
  - Talk to one another
- One person per library
- *Replies go to the list*

	From ⌄	peterson@amigos.org
Send	To	simplye-users@amigosservices.org
	Cc	
	Subject	RE: SimplyE Update

From: Christine Peterson
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 12:32 PM
To: simplye-users@amigosservices.org
Subject: SimplyE Update

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Promotional Materials from TSLAC

Media kit available: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks
  - Press release
  - Letter to governing officials
  - Social media post
  - Printable bookmarks & flyers
  - Instructional materials

E-books from your library.
Anytime, anywhere.

TEXAS STATE LIBRARY
AND
ARCHIVES COMMISSION

E-Read
TEXAS

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Where can you find
**thousands of e-books
and audiobooks**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBG8LQFwSRs

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Next Session

- Another Updates/Q&A session in June – Date TBD
    - Registration link will be posted here: https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ldn/ebooks
- Free SimplyE Classes coming:
    - Interface & Searching
    - Roles & Configuration
    - Modifying Metadata
    - Lists & Lanes
    - Troubleshooting
    - Statistics

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